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SUBJECT: SYRIA'S BUSINESS LAB SEEKING UAV COMPONENTS FROM
GERMAN FIRM (S)

Classified By: ISN/MTR ACTING DIRECTOR RALPH PALMIERO FOR REASON
1.4 (C).

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. Embassy Berlin, please see paragraph 3.

[1](#)2. (S) Background and Objective: We want to advise German officials of information indicating that as of November 2009, the Syrian entity Business Lab was seeking a variety of items, including small engines, servo actuators, propellers, and radio equipment from the German firm Graupner GmbH. We are concerned that any goods Graupner supplies to Business Lab may be diverted to Syria's Scientific Studies and Research Center (SSRC), the entity responsible for Syrian WMD and ballistic missile programs, and that the items are being sought for use in Syria's unmanned aerial vehicle program. We want to share this information with German officials and encourage them to investigate this information and take measures to ensure that Graupner is not acting as a supplier to Syrian entities of proliferation concern.

[1](#)3. Action Request: Request Embassy Berlin approach appropriate host government officials to deliver talking points/non-paper in paragraph 4 below and report response. Talking points also may be provided as a non-paper.

[1](#)4. (S) Begin talking points/non-paper:

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-- We would like to alert you to information of proliferation concern and request your assistance in investigating this activity.

-- The U.S. has information indicating that as of November 2009, the Syrian firm Business Lab was working to procure a range of items usable in small unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) from the German firm Graupner GmbH.

-- We understand that Business Lab had expressed interest in purchasing quantities of small engines, servo actuators, propellers, and radio transmitting and receiving equipment, and that Graupner may have provided price quotations for these items to Business Lab.

-- We are concerned that this equipment may be diverted to Syria's Scientific Studies and Research Center (SSRC), which is the organization responsible for Syria's WMD and ballistic missile programs and has been the subject of numerous discussions at Missile Technology Control Regime Information Exchanges.

-- We are providing this information to you to support your export control efforts and hope you will use all available measures to ensure that Graupner is not acting - even inadvertently - as a source of supply for entities of proliferation concern in Syria.

-- We look forward to continuing our excellent cooperation on nonproliferation issues and would appreciate hearing of any actions you take in response to this information at the earliest possible time.

15. (U) Washington POC is ISN/MTR John Paul Herrmann (Phone: 202-647-1430). Please slug any reporting on this issue for ISN/MTR, NEA/ELA, EUR/CE, and EUR/PRA.

16. (U) A word version of this document will be posted at www.state.sgov.gov/demarche.
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